

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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CONTINUING PATENT APPLICATION
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a:

Continuation Divisional Continuation-In-Part (CIP)

of the above-identified co-pending prior application in which no patenting, abandonment, or termination of proceedings has occurred. Priority to the above-identified prior application is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120 for this continuing application. The entire disclosure of the above-identified prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuing application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Enclosed are:

- Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (27 pages).
- Informal drawings (6 sheets, Figures 1-6(b)).
- Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages).
- Preliminary Amendment (3 pages).
- Information Disclosure Statement.
- Form PTO-1449 with copies of 47 listed reference(s).

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Respectfully submitted,



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